

Bankruptcy Pro Bono: From the Trenches to the Supreme Court

Wednesday, May 18, 2005, CLE Program 4-6 PM

Reception Honoring Bankruptcy Judges and Celebrating Pro Bono Initiatives 6-8 PM

Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street

This CLE Program, offered in connection with the relaunch of the ABCNY Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel, will highlight the experiences of several lawyers in bankruptcy pro bono matters ranging from fast-paced motion and trial practice to oral argument in the U.S. Supreme Court. Judges from the Southern and Eastern District Bankruptcy Courts will also offer perspectives on successful bankruptcy litigation, how it differs from litigation in other courts, and opportunities for pro bono service. The recent opinion of the ABCNY Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethics on pro bono consumer bankruptcy representation will be discussed as well.

The Reception will honor the Judges of the Southern and Eastern District Bankruptcy Courts, and will celebrate the activities and volunteers of the ABCNY Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel and the Pro Bono Consumer Bankruptcy Project. Information on the Bankruptcy Pro Bono Panel, which provides pro bono representation in matters referred by the bench, and the Consumer Bankruptcy Project, which advises debt burdened low-income individuals on the restructuring of their finances, will be available.

Moderator:

JOSEPH M. VANN

Cohen Tauber Spievack & Wagner LLP; Chair, Pro Bono Subcommittee, ABCNY Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization

Panelists:

HON. STUART M. BERNSTEIN

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of New York

HON. ALLAN L. GROPPER

United States Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of New York

HON. ELIZABETH S. STONG

United States Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of New York

LEONARD H. GERSON

Angel & Frankel PC; represented Pamela L. Hood before the United States Supreme Court in *Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. v. Hood*

TERENCE K. McLAUGHLIN

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP; represented debtor seeking student loan discharge

JOHN McMANUS

Project Director, Pro Bono Consumer Bankruptcy Project

SEAN A. O'NEAL

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP; represents tenants in disputes with debtor landlords

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There is no fee for this program. Panel attendees are eligible to receive 2.0 CLE credits, including 0.5 in ethics and professionalism. To RSVP for the panel and/or reception, please contact Sara E. Chang, schang@abcny.org or (212) 382-6648, by May 11, 2005.